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MEETING NOTES

TOPIC: Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Implementation Meeting

DATE: August 29, 2012

NOTES BY: Rae-Leigh Stark

PRESENT: Jeff Bergman, Planning Department

> April Williams, Parks Department Laura Garrett, Healthy Communities Dave Hayward, City Engineer's Office Kelli Thompson, Healthy Communities Rae-Leigh Stark, Planning Department Jeff Fetterer, Bike Ped. Committee

Laurence Brown, CAMPO

From now on, Rae-Leigh Stark will be coordinating the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Implementation Meetings. If you would like any discussion topics added to the agenda prior to the meeting please send any info to rstark@columbus.in.gov.

The group took turns reporting on current projects.

Laurence Brown reported on the following:

- The Columbus Area MPO is beginning a speaker series to bring in regional and national experts on creating great cities. The first speaker, Todd Litman, Founder and Executive Director of Victoria Transportation Policy Institute (www.vtpi.org), will be giving a public talk which will focus on livable and sustainable transportation and land-use policy, and also emphasizes the effects of transportation policy on public health, social equity and the economy.
- Todd will be in Columbus on October 15th to host two events. The first will be a mid-day workshop for planners, engineers, city, state and federal officials and the second will be a public presentation in the evening.
- Laurence stated that Todd Litman will not just be focused on one mode of transportation, but will be looking more at the big picture.
- Laurence is interested in created a "Transportation Safety Committee" in Columbus to act as the community wide committee to be the push for all transportation. He stated that a similar committee in Portland saw a dramatic reduction in car and bike crashes since the formation of their committee.
- There was some discussion on who would be a part of this committee and what role would our existing Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee play. Laurence and Rae-Leigh will work further on the details and prospective committee members and will email the group the draft.

Dave Hayward reported on the following:

- Projects that are part of the Parks Foundation People Trail Campaign:
 - 1. The Downtown Trail Extension (Project T1-1) plans are beginning. This will connect the existing trail at Mill Race Park with the existing end of Haw Creek trail at the 2nd/3rd/State Street intersection. Dave has spoken with the Railroad in regards to crossing (above or below). They have been cooperative but would prefer the trail to go under the railroad

- bridge. Dave has spoken with Tom Wetherald about an easement along his property for the trail. He has also been cooperative.
- 2. Dave met with Harold Force in regards to the Clifty Creek Trail Extension (Project T2-3). Harold owns practically all the property that would be used for the Clifty Creek Trail Extension. He stated that Harold is more agreeable than he has been in the past.
- 3. The rerouting of the 25th Street crossing of the Haw Creek Trail (Project T2-1) is in the beginning stages. The crossing will use a historic county bridge. This should be completed by 2014.
- 4. County Road 200 South sidewalks will be built by the developers of Shadow Creek Farms (Project T1-2).
- 5. The City Garage will be installing sidewalks along 25th Street from Fox Pointe to Flintwood Drive this year or early next.
- 6. Work is being done on the Par 3 path at Richards Elementary. Dave is going to follow up with Steve Forster on the status.
- 7. Tipton Lakes Boulevard and Goeller Road has been striped with "Sharrows."
- 8. Hope is interested in doing a connection from Hope to the Columbus People Trails. Dave thinks this can be done with signage and pavement markings (Project F-35).
- Jeff Bergman asked Dave about a possible asphalt trail connection from Griffa Drive to the Haw Creek Trail. This will be a huge connection and is part of the 30th/31st/Chapel Drive Bicycle Route (Project T1-15). Dave stated hopefully at the end of the year he will have that money.
- There are new accessible signals at the intersection of 5th and Brown Streets. Go use them Dave wants feedback.
- Dave is going to host a community meeting for those interested in the Taylor Road project. He is going to see how that goes and maybe he'll have another regarding the Westenedge Drive road improvements (Project C1-1).
- Dave is interested in having a community-wide discussion on what types of projects people are interested in and what projects should be prioritized.

Kelli Thompson reported that October 3rd is International Walk to School Day. Would like to have large attendance and is recruiting volunteers.

Jeff Fetterer asked what the status of the proposed RRFBs (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon) that will be used with SRTS infrastructure grant money. Dave stated that they should be installed by next summer.

The group will meet again in November, 2012.